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Bldg 12110

31 OCT 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Officer to the Deputy Director for Support
SUBJECT : Light Switches in the Headquarters Building

1. This status report is in response to your request of 27 October 1966.
2. Subsequent to the date of our memorandum dated 12 September 1966, the following actions have been taken:
 - a. We have tested, satisfactorily, the plastic light switch covers under consideration.
 - b. The General Services Administration (GSA) has agreed to supply these switch covers, to paint them according to the standards of the Fine Arts Commission, and to install them, all at GSA expense.
 - c. Light switch covers have been ordered through GSA channels but have not yet been received.
3. We will continue to follow this matter closely and will advise you upon receipt of the light switch covers and prior to actual installation.



George E. Meloon
Director of Logistics

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Noted at DD/S Noon Meeting on 2 Nov 66.

Noted at DD/S Noon Meeting again on 18 Nov 66 ("visible progress")

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15 September 1966

I called Jack Blake to run some expedite tests on the effectiveness of the switch plates if they are painted. The Fine Arts Commission suggested these switches be painted to match the walls and I was concerned whether this would reduce the effectiveness to arcing. Mr. Blake should have a report by the first part of next week.


R. L. Bannerman

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MR. WARFIELD - 9/14

MR. BANNERMAN -

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DD/S 66 .4/14/3

FILE Bedg 421/10
12 SEP 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Support

SUBJECT : Light Switch Plates

1. This memorandum is for your information only.

2. This is a status report to you on what has happened affecting the light switch plates since last I spoke with you on Tuesday, 6 September 1966. [] has shown the model plates to [] [] Chairman of the Fine Arts Commission. [] has taken the following position:

a. His personal opinion is that they are acceptable if they are painted to match the walls to which they will be affixed.

b. He does not wish to rule alone on this issue and, therefore, will submit his recommendation to the entire membership of the Fine Arts Commission during the week of 12 September 1966.

[]

John F. Blake
Deputy Director of Logistics

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ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

DD/S REGISTRY

FILE *Bldg 610*

SUBJECT: (Optional)

Switch Problem

FROM:

EXTENSION

NO.

Director of Logistics

DATE

24 AUG 1966

TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)

DATE

OFFICER'S INITIALS

COMMENTS (Number each comment to show from whom to whom. Draw a line across columns after each comment.)

1. Executive Officer to the DD/S
7D18 Headquarters

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26 AUG 1966

2. *Mr. Wanfield*

30 Aug.

3. Mr. Bannerman

4. *Mr. Wanfield*

2 Sept.

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I bow to the weight of technical opinion and concen. He should move quickly in effecting the corrections.

2 Sept 66

Attached is the latest information on the lightswitch problem. We have asked GSA to replace the Arrow-Hart switches and install the Bakelite face plates. As a result of the meeting described in the attached correspondence, the representative of the GSA Protection Division believes the switches will not have to be replaced if we cease using cleansing sprays. He does support, as does the Arrow-Hart representative, installing the Bakelite face plates. We are now awaiting the final position of GSA and will keep you advised.

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2-3: While I share your concern that we really cannot tolerate another accident with light switches, I do believe that we would find it difficult to justify action which is not supported by the electricians. Perhaps one further cautionary letter to GSA would encourage them to take one more look at the problem. Neither they nor the manufacturer will ever issue a guarantee no matter how much we would like them to.

Alan M. Wanfield

DRAFT/DMK:mew
9/22/66

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Logistics

SUBJECT : Switch Problem

1. In accordance with your request we have attached a memo for the record obtained from [] which reflects the result of the recent meeting on 10 August 1966 with the switch manufacturer. [] is presently awaiting instructions from the Central Office to replace the system.

2. You will note on Page 2 of the attached memo for record that two recommendations have been made. First, that the use of spray cleaner on light switches be discontinued permanently, and secondly, all aluminum and stainless steel face plates should be replaced by Bakelite faced plates which gives an additional margin of safety.

A/ []
Chief, Logistics Services Division, OL

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